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For: METHOD FOR OBTAINING A
PURIFIED VIRAL PREPARATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for purifying a crude viral preparation containing viral particles of interest, comprising at least one fluidized-bed adsorption step.
2. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said fluidized bed contains particles of adsorbent and is obtained by suspending said particles in a fluid under the action of one or more forces selected from the group consisting of mechanical, electromagnetic, magnetic, gravitational and electrical forces.